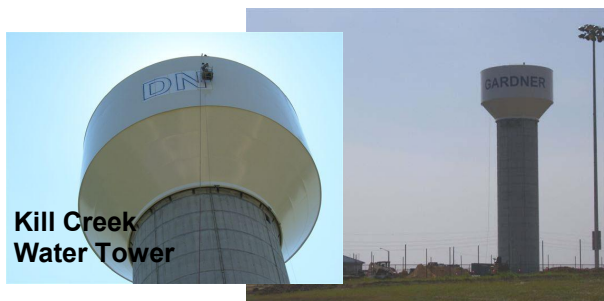


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Kill Creek
Water Tower

The City finishes work on the new Kill Creek water tower with placing the letters GARDNER on the face of the tower.

City Develops Watershed Master Plan

The City is developing a Watershed Master Plan to document the function of existing stormwater infrastructure. The Watershed Master Plan will provide city staff the tools necessary to promote good stormwater practices and prevent future flooding and erosion problems.

The first phase of the plan has been completed. It includes watershed inventory and data collection, review of preliminary floodplain boundaries for subdivisions, planning and policy recommendations, and a scoping meeting and workshop for Phase II tasks. The watershed inventory and data collection includes topographic and planimetric data and aerial photographs from Johnson County AIMS, existing floodplain models from Johnson County, pending and approved development plans, and documentation of flooding concerns. This model will be used by city staff in the future to review data during plan review and will also be used to define priorities for the Phase II tasks.



Phase II tasks will include a field survey, modifying the Johnson County hydrologic models, identifying flooding concerns and stormwater structure deficiencies and preparing a capital improvement project list, stream inventory, evaluating existing planning and engineering policies and ordinances related to stormwater management and making recommendations as necessary, and soliciting public involvement. This plan will also provide design data to be used by the engineering staff when reviewing and approving development in undeveloped areas.

Hazardous Waste Pick Up Event in September!

Do you carry out hazardous waste round-ups in your home at least two times a year? By clearing out unused cleaners and chemicals in the fall and spring, you can make your home and neighborhood safer. Johnson County facilities host twice-a-year joint household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events and the next county-wide collection is September 15th.

On September 15th, between 8:00 am and Noon, county residents can take their HHW to one of two collection locations: the City of Olathe's Municipal Services Center at 1420 S. Robinson, and the Johnson County Environmental Department's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at approximately I-35 and Lamar. Both locations are open to all Johnson County residents and **appointments are required only at the Johnson County Environmental site**. No business hazardous waste will be accepted.

These events raise awareness about how household hazardous waste can pollute our water. You should never dump chemicals down storm drains. "The public has a considerable amount of chemicals in their homes, that pose environmental and health hazards if they are stored or disposed of improperly," said Kent Lage, Johnson County Stormwater Manager. "Our collection events provide opportunities to safely rid homes of hazardous chemicals, which also helps improve water quality in our rivers and streams," said Lage.

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For a list of common household hazardous materials accepted at collection facilities, go to <http://iced.jocogov.org/> and click on Hazardous Materials, where you can also make an appointment at the Johnson County facility. Or call the facility at 913-715-6900

For more information about the City of Olathe facility, call 913-971-9311 or for general information visit their web site at www.olatheks.org. In addition, both these collection facilities are open year round.

Festival on the Trails —Celebrate 150th Years of Gardner



Downtown Gardner will host the final Sesquicentennial event on September 14-15th —the Festival on the Trails. The weekend includes an art fair, local entertainment, jazz lunch, games for kids and the whole family, pony rides, a Gardner Idol Contest, a Wild West Show, the World's Largest Tailgate Party, a street dance, historical walking tours, plus much, much more. Food will be available at Chuck Wagon Alley throughout the two day festival. The grand finale is a free concert by **JO DEE MESSINA**, preceded by the opening act of **Crossin Dixon** on the main stage behind City Hall, followed by a spectacular fireworks show. 106.5 the Wolf has partnered with the Kansas Lottery and Gardner Sesquicentennial Committee to bring you this nationally known performer. Make plans to attend this once in a lifetime event!



An exciting addition to the Festival on the Trails, is the Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race (www.sfthorserace.com). This is an 800 mile endurance ride, completed over a 13 day period. The race begins in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 3, 2007 and will end in Gardner on September 15th. One of the main objectives of the race is to educate the public on the national historic Santa Fe Trail and introduce the sport of endurance riding to thousands. Gardner is a major part of this activity; the teams will be staying overnight in Gardner September 14 and 15, the final days of the race. The Race Village (an overnight stopping point for the ride) which consists of Ride Headquarters, Leader Board, Winner's Circle, food vendors and an entertainment area, will be located on the east side of Moonlight Road, on New Century Air Center property.



Check the City Website at www.gardnerkansas.gov for more information on this excitement filled weekend in Gardner!

Own a piece of Gardner History

Gardner Sesquicentennial plates are on sale now at the Gardner Historical Museum, Bruce Funeral Home, Emberton's, Gardner Chamber, City Hall and the Central National Bank location in Wal Mart.

These limited edition plates are numbered (**there are only 500**) and are a beautiful blue and white, edged in gold. There are pictures of 14 historical Gardner locations around the rim of the plate, with a view of old downtown Gardner in the middle. A collector's piece to be sure! They are only \$25 - get yours today!

